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SUBJ: LOS CONFERENCE: JAPANESE INQUIRY RE DEEP SEABED
LEGISLATION

1. JAPANESE DELOFFS IGUCHI AND TANAKA CALLED ON
US ALTERNATE REPS RATINER AND MCINTYRE TO INQUIRE
AS TO VALIDITY OF INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM TOKYO
RE POSSIBLE US LEGISLATION ON DEEP SEABED.

2. JAPANESE REPS SAID TOKYO HAD OBTAINED FOLLOWING
INFORMATION FROM MEMBER OF US INDUSTRY VISITING
TOKYO: THAT WHITE HOUSE, STATE, TREASURY, INTERIOR,
AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENTS INTENDED TO SUBMIT THROUGH
SENATOR JACKSON A COMPROMISE PROPOSAL SUPERCEDING
S1134 AND HR9; THAT THE LEGISLATION PROVIDED THAT
IF THE LOS CONVENTION IS NOT EFFECTIVE BY JUNE 1974
THE USG WILL ALLOW THE COMMENCEMENT OF EXPLOITATION
BY US FIRMS WHO WILL OPERATE UNDER LICENSES; THAT
ILLEGAL MINING AND POLLUTION WILL BE PREVENTED BY
US VESSELS ON PATROL; THAT TWO TO FOUR PERCENT
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ROYALTY WILL BE PAID INTO A CENTRAL FUND; THAT FROM

THIS FUND THE FINANCING FOR THE MACHINERY WILL BE PROVIDED FOR; THAT IF THE FINAL ROYALTY RATE IS HIGHER THAN TWO TO FOUR PERCENT, THE USG WILL MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE; THAT THE LEGISLATION DOES NOT PURPORT TO GRANT EXCLUSIVE MINING RIGHTS TO AMERICAN COMPANIES VIS-A-VIS FOREIGN COMPANIES; AND THAT US WANTS A JOINT AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN.

3. IGUCHI SAID THAT IF ABOVE REPORT TRUE, GOJ WOULD EXPECT USG TO INFORM GOJ AND GOJ WOULD LIKE MORE DETAIL.

4. MCINTYRE SAID THAT ABOVE REPORT WAS QTE NEWS TO HIM UNQTE. RATINER SAID THAT THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH HAS NO CONNECTION WITH ANY KIND OF LEGISLATION OF THIS NATURE; THAT NO WORK IS GOING ON TO CREATE SUCH INTERIM LEGISLATION; THAT WHILE RATINER HAD HEARD RUMORS THAT INDUSTRY AND CONGRESSIONAL STAFF IN ONE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE MAY BE TRYING TO PREPARE FOR REPLACEMENT FOR S1134/HR9, HE HAS NOT SEE NOR ASKED TO SEE THIS LEGISLATION; THAT HE HAD NOT HEARD ANY DISCUSSION WITH REGARD TO A SPECIFIC DATE, SUCH AS JUNE 1976 MENTIONED BY JAPANESE. MCINTYRE SAID HE COULD ONLY REINFORCE WHAT RATINER HAD SAID, AND THAT HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE ALLEGED LEGISLATION AND FELT SURE THAT IF THERE HAD BEEN EXECUTIVE BRANCH INVOLVEMENT THAT EITHER RATINER OR HE WOULD KNOW ABOUT IT.
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